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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Roger Aceto on 03/07/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Please cancel claims 5 and 9;
- Renumber the dependency of claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12 to all depend from Claim 1;
- And rewrite claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended)

A flame retardant metallized fabric article comprising:

- a) a polymer fabric substrate having a reverse side and an obverse side;
- b) a conductive metal layer on one side of the substrate; and
- c) a flame retardant coating intermediate the conductive coating metal layer and the polymeric substrate, wherein the flame retardant comprises a film forming carrier and a halogenated or non-halogenated flame retardant additive uniformly distributed in the carrier; and

d) wherein the metal layer comprises a first metal layer applied directly to said flame retardant layer, a second conductive metal layer and a third abrasion resistant surface layer.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In lieu of Applicant's response all previously made rejections are now withdrawn. For reasons of novelty please see Applicant's response dated 11/29/04 pages 9 and 10.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ms. Arti Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-1483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-7pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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